



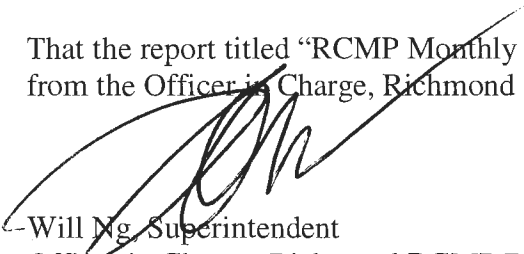
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Report to Committee

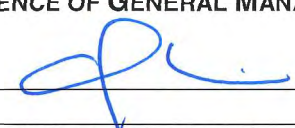

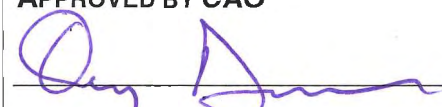
To: Community Safety Committee
From: Will Ng, Superintendent
Officer in Charge, Richmond RCMP Detachment
Date: February 2, 2018
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Re: RCMP Monthly Activity Report – January 2018

Staff Recommendation

That the report titled “RCMP Monthly Activity Report – January 2018,” dated February 2, 2018, from the Officer in Charge, Richmond RCMP Detachment, be received for information.


-Will Ng, Superintendent
Officer in Charge, Richmond RCMP Detachment
(604-278-1212)

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Staff Report

Origin

At the request of the Community Safety Committee, the Officer in Charge will keep Council informed on matters pertaining to policing in the Richmond community. This monthly activity report for the RCMP provides information on each of the following areas:

1. Activities and Noteworthy files
2. Analysis of Crime Statistics
3. Crime Trends Across Jurisdictions
4. Auxiliary Constable Program
5. Block Watch
6. Community Police Stations and Programs
7. Crime Prevention Unit
8. Road Safety Unit
9. Victim Services
10. Youth Section

This report supports Council's 2014-2018 Term Goal #1 A Safe Community:

Maintain emphasis on community safety to ensure Richmond continues to be a safe community.

Analysis

Activities and Noteworthy Files

Arrests Gold Fraud

On January 6, 2018, two suspects were arrested for Fraud over \$5,000 in relation to the sale of Chinese artifacts which were fraudulently reported to be gold. After the victims reported the incident in Richmond, the Detachment's Economic Crime Unit was able to link the crime to a second reported incident in Surrey. The findings resulted in a collaborative investigation involving Canada Border Services Agency and the San Francisco District Attorney's Office. This type of crime has surfaced in Richmond in the past and, as such, a media release was issued reminding the public to be cautious when engaging in the sale of high value items.

Break and Enter Charges

On January 16, 2018, Richmond RCMP responded to a break and enter at a business in the 2000 block of No. 4 Road. The suspect had broken into the site and stolen a company vehicle. Richmond RCMP officers, including plainclothes members from the Property Crime Unit and Prolific Offender Suppression Team, were immediately dispatched and tracked the vehicle into Vancouver. Through coordinated efforts with the Vancouver Police Department, a male suspect was arrested less than 30 minutes after the initial call to 911.

The suspect was found in possession of a loaded 357 magnum handgun at the time of his arrest and has a lengthy criminal record. He has been charged with:

- Possession of a Prohibited / Restricted Firearm
- Break & Enter
- Theft of a Motor Vehicle
- Dangerous Operation of a Motor Vehicle
- Assaulting a Peace Officer

Assault

On January 18, 2018, Richmond RCMP responded to a business in the 10,000 block of No. 3 Road after receiving a call of shots fired. Richmond RCMP officers surrounded the business and established a security perimeter around the area. An investigation revealed that a 32-year old male patron of the business had been struck in the head with a firearm. An immediate broadcast was sent to all neighbouring law enforcement agencies. The suspect vehicle was located in Vancouver by officers from the Vancouver Police Department and two males, aged 19 and 22, were taken into custody. The victim was transported to hospital and treated for non-life threatening injuries. The victim was not cooperative with investigators. Both the victim and suspects are known to police.

Pedestrian Fatality

On January 23, 2018, Richmond RCMP responded to the area of No. 1 Road and Tucker Road for a pedestrian collision. The victim, an 81-year old female from Richmond, sustained critical injuries after being struck by a vehicle. The driver, a 78-year old male from Richmond, remained at scene. The victim was transported to hospital but later succumbed to her injuries. This is Richmond's first road fatality of 2018.

The Detachment issued a media release reminding all road users to be especially cautious, in particular reminding pedestrians and cyclists to wear clothing with reflective materials and use flashing safety lights, and reminding drivers to drive attentively.

Community Outreach

On January 30, 2018, Richmond Detachment launched the "Coffee with a Cop" series. The first event was hosted in the Hamilton area. The series will occur in other communities in Richmond throughout the year and will offer members of the community an opportunity to sit down and have an informal conversation with a police officer. This type of face-to face community engagement has been proven to break down barriers and encourage positive interactions with police.

Analysis of Crime Statistics

Arson

In January 2018, there were two incidents of arson, which is down one from the previous month and is a 60 per cent decrease from January 2017. This number remains within the five year statistical average range.

Assault Serious (Assault with a Weapon)

There were nine assault serious events in January, which is up one from December 2017. This number is within the five year average range and represents a 25 per cent decrease from January 2017.

Auto Theft

There were 16 auto theft incidents this month, which is down 41 per cent from December 2017. Auto theft is significantly below the five year average range. The total number of auto thefts this month decreased by fifty per cent compared to totals from January 2017. The number of auto thefts is near an all-time low.

Drugs

In January 2018, there were 44 drug incidents, which is a 16 per cent increase from December 2017. This number is within the five year expected range and is 33 per cent higher than January 2017.

Mental Health

This month, 111 mental health incidents were recorded, which is a 10 per cent decrease from December 2017 and 10 per cent lower than January 2017. Mental health incidents are within the five year statistical average range.¹

Residential Break and Enter

There were 75 break and enters in January 2018. While this is a seven per cent increase from the previous month, the total number for residential break and enters for the month is significantly below the five-year average of 87.8. This represents a 29 per cent reduction from January 2017 when 105 residential break and enters were recorded. At that time break and enters were outside the five year expected range.

¹ Detachment training sessions and audits have been designed to help members better recognize when to flag files as mental health related. As a result, better training has led to a more accurate representation of calls for service and has increased the number of mental health flagged files.

Commercial Break and Enter

In January 2018 there were 70 break and enters to businesses, which is a marked increase from the five year average of 38 and the previous month's total of 45. This number is 63 per cent higher than totals for January 2017.

The noted spike was observed in the second half of the month. Two trends were identified this month which contributed to this spike: an increase in mail theft and a "glass smash" modus operandi targeting businesses. Two suspects have been identified in a series of mail thefts and are currently the targets of an ongoing investigation.

Robbery

There were five robbery incidents in January 2018, which is the same number as the previous month. This number is 25 per cent higher than the total recorded in January 2017. However, robbery incidents remain below the five year average range.

Sexual Assault

There were 24 sexual offence files recorded in January 2018, which is almost triple the number from the previous month. The totals this month remain significantly higher than the five year average of 5.8 and well outside of the expected range. The total number of sexual assault files this month was 380 per cent higher than recorded in January 2017.

This spike can partially be attributed to an increase in reporting. The files were reviewed for patterns or files of note however no major patterns were identified. An increase in reporting could be contributing to the high number of files, which will be discussed in the Crime Trends across Jurisdictions section of this report.

Shoplifting

There were 62 shoplifting thefts in January 2018, which is within the five year statistical average range. The number is 29 per cent higher than totals recorded in January 2017.

Theft from Auto

There were 217 thefts from auto incidents this month, which is a 10 per cent decrease from December 2017. This number was within the five year average range.

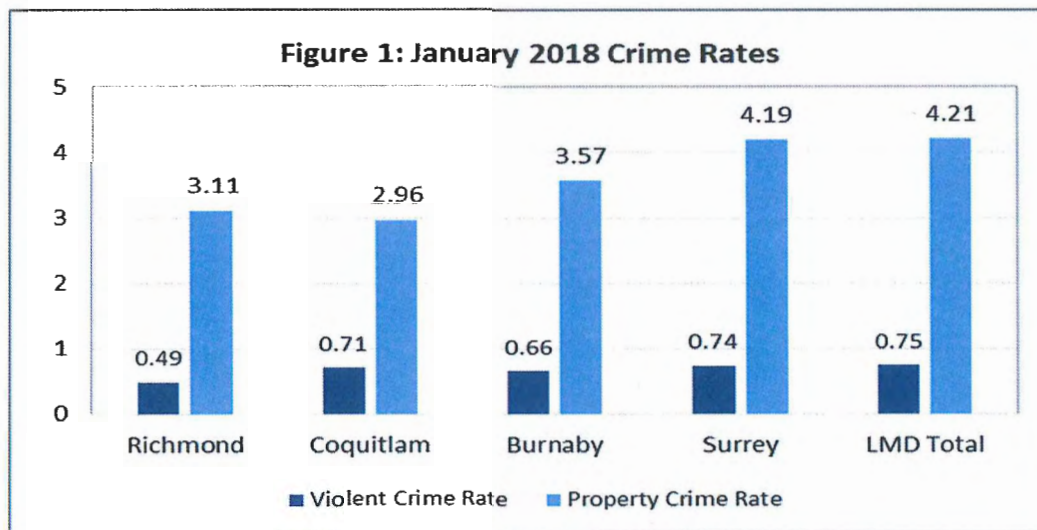
After high numbers in the final months of 2017, the numbers are returning to normal ranges. The reduction could be partially attributed to a priority offender who was in custody during January 2018.

Crime Trends across Jurisdictions

The increase in sexual offences files, which has been seen in Richmond in the last few months, has also been observed across the Lower Mainland District (LMD). The analysis of these files

indicates that the increase is primarily due to an increase in reporting of previous events. Sexual assault and sexual harassment have received significant media attention and there has been a social movement to encourage victims to come forward, which is likely contributing to the increases being observed. Of note, the number of sexual assaults perpetrated by strangers has not increased.

In order to facilitate a meaningful comparison of crime types across jurisdictions, data on crime rates is presented below (Figure 1).² Out of the four largest RCMP Detachments in the Lower Mainland, Richmond had the lowest violent crime rate in January. This low crime rate is also observed in the property crime rate, where Richmond ranks second lowest.

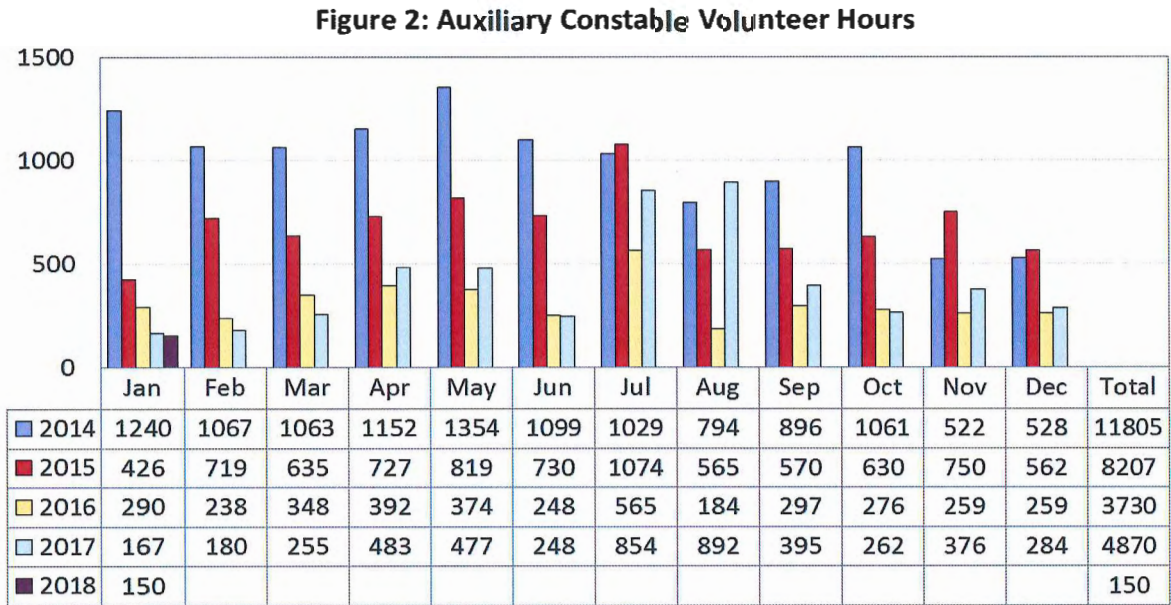


Auxiliary Constable Program

In January 2018, Richmond Detachment had a complement of 35 Auxiliary Constables, who provided a total of 150 volunteer hours. This is a 10 per cent drop from last year and relates to an eight per cent reduction in membership. The program will be undergoing changes across “E” Division and work is currently underway to establish uniform and training standards for the new program (Tier 3). In anticipation of the new program release, Richmond Detachment has recommenced planning to recruit a new troop of Auxiliary Constables for 2018.

² Crime rate is calculated per 1,000 people (using 2017 populations)

Figure 2 compares the monthly hours of service provided by month from 2014 to 2018.



Auxiliary Constable Activities

Auxiliary Constables attend events in the community to promote a positive police presence, support RCMP members and provide traffic and crowd control. During the month of January Auxiliary Constables participated in:

- Crime Watch
- Mental Health Initiatives
- Richmond Detachment Intranet project.

Block Watch

At the end of January 2018, the Block Watch program had 451 groups totaling 10,289 participants. Currently, the program includes 596 captains and co-captains.

Community Police Station Programs

Community police stations continue to enhance the Detachment’s policing services by providing an array of crime prevention resources and community safety initiatives. City staff and volunteers pursued safety initiatives to enhance crime prevention program awareness, community engagement and police accessibility. These initiatives help to reduce anxiety and fear related to crime. The program activities vary from month to month reflective of weather conditions, seasonal initiatives, events and the availability of the volunteers.

During the month of January volunteer highlights included:

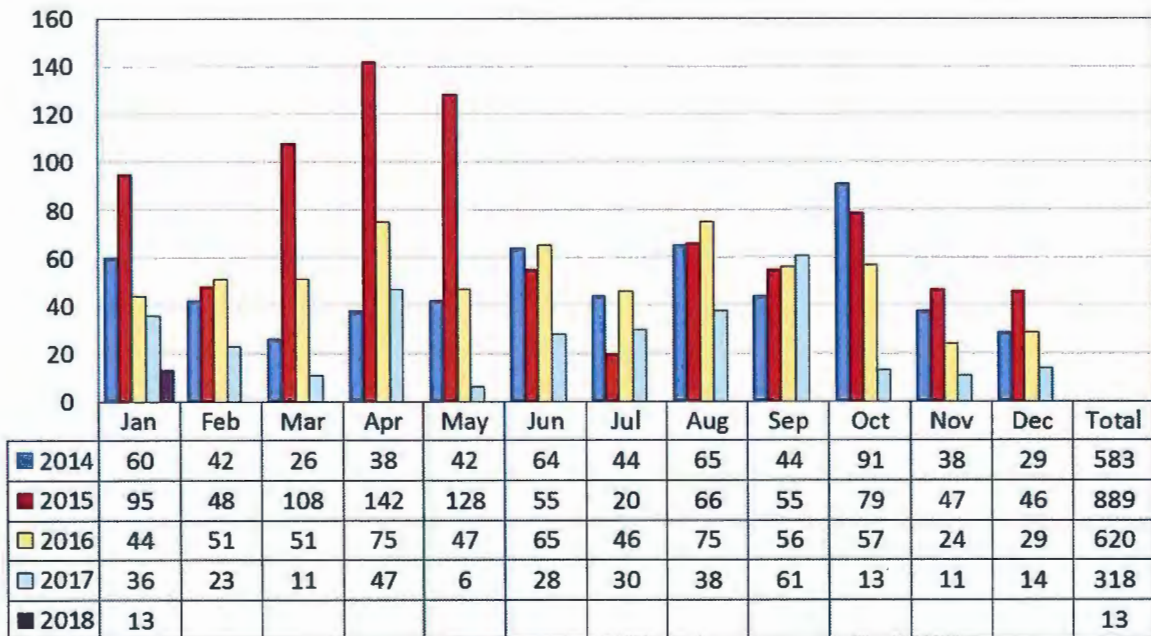
- The deployment of 36 foot/van patrols totalling 378 hours and one bike patrol totalling 16 hours;

- 31 Fail to Stop deployments, which resulted in 912 warning letters;
- Conducted Speed Watch on 3,350 vehicles at various locations;
- Lock Out Auto Crime (LOAC) notices were issued on 4,625 vehicles at various locations;
- January 10, 15, 16 and 17 – Community Policing Volunteer LOAC deployments occurred in “hot spot” locations as identified by Crime Reduction meetings.
- January 16 – A Volunteer Speed Watch deployment occurred at Anderson Elementary. Four volunteers participated and 22 letters were sent out to registered vehicle owners.
- January 29 – Two volunteers conducted a Fail to Stop deployment which involved running vehicle license plates. A parked vehicle was observed at River Road and Cambie Road and determined to be stolen.

Distracted Drivers

Figure 3 provides a yearly comparison of the number of letters sent to registered vehicle owners.

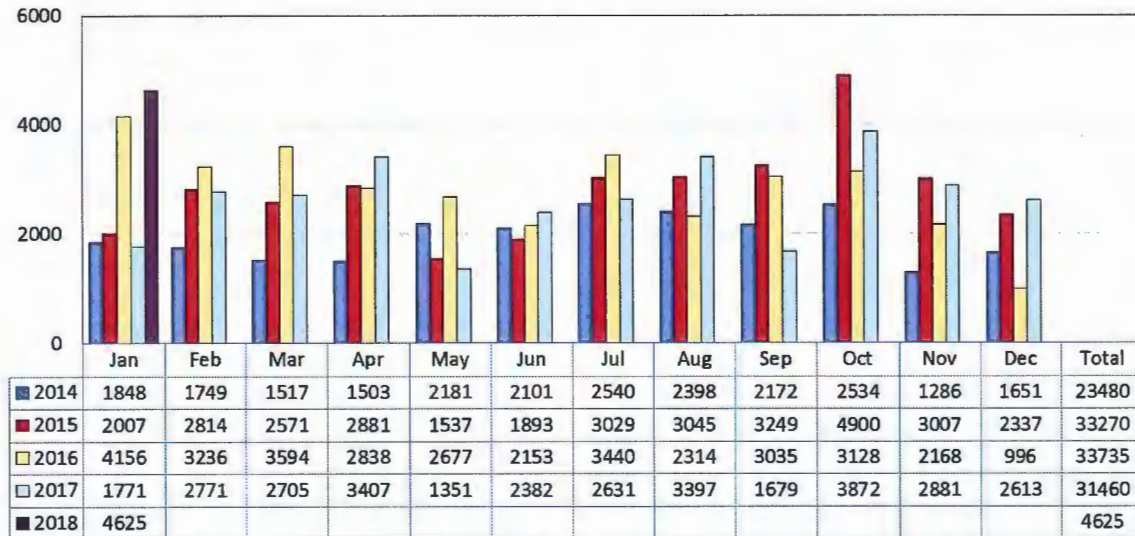
Figure 3: Distracted Driver Letters Sent



Lock-Out Auto Crime

Figure 4 provides a comparison by year of the number of vehicle notices issued.

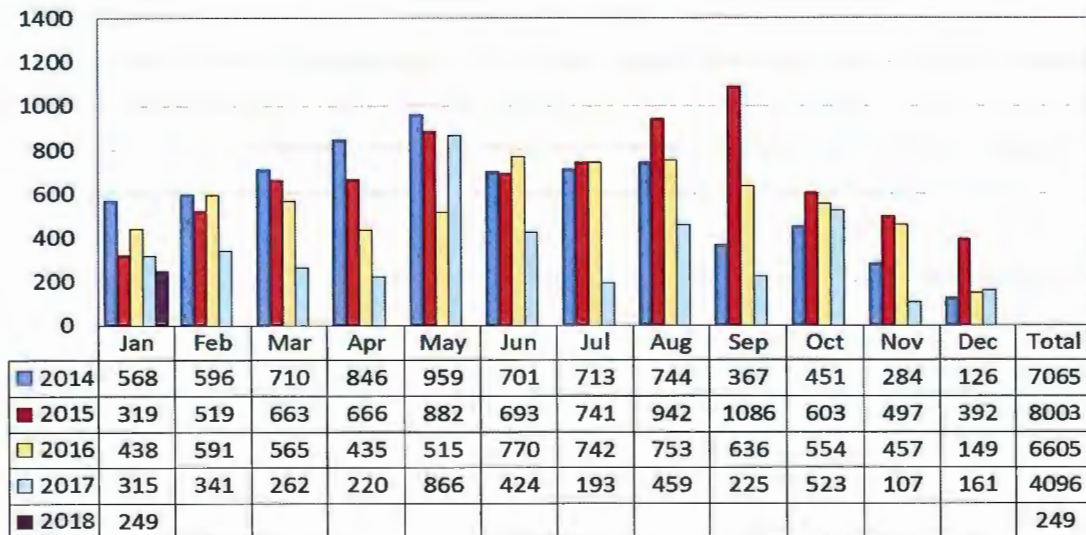
Figure 4: Lock Out Auto Crime Vehicles Issued a Notice



Speed Watch

Figure 5 provides a yearly comparison of the number of letters sent to registered vehicle owners.

Figure 5: Speed Watch Letters Sent



Crime Prevention Unit

The Crime Prevention Unit reduces crime and enhances community engagement through public awareness and dialogue initiatives. During the month of January, the Crime Prevention Unit participated in the following events/activities:

- Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design
- “Coffee with a Cop”
- Interfaith Forum
- Meetings with Policing Partners
- Volunteer Outreach Deployments
- Vulnerable Institution Patrols

Road Safety Unit

The Road Safety Unit makes Richmond’s roads safer through evidence-based traffic enforcement, investigation of serious vehicle collisions and public education programs. The statistics below compare January 2018 data to both November 2017 and December 2017. The Moving Violations category refers to violations such as unsafe lane change and unsafe passing. The Vehicle category refers to motor vehicle regulation defects such as no insurance and no lights. The Other category refers to other motor vehicle infractions such as miscellaneous charges including fail to remain at the scene of accident and failing to stop for police.

Violation Tickets were issued for the following infractions:

Infraction	November 2017	December 2017	January 2018
Distracted Driving	63	53	49
Driver License	191	174	108
Impaired	30	32	17
Intersection offences	84	57	79
Moving Violations	151	100	113
Speeding	132	124	70
Seatbelts	7	6	1
Vehicle Related	64	68	42
Other	9	10	11
Total	731	624	490

Notice and Orders issued for the following infractions:

Infraction	November 2017	December 2017	January 2018
Distracted Driving	15	14	10
Driver License	21	24	18
Intersection	26	32	37
Moving Violations	30	33	45
Speeding	46	44	54
Seatbelts	0	2	0
Vehicle Related	73	84	93
Other	4	3	3
Total	215	236	260

Parking Tickets:

Name	Act	Example	Nov 2017	Dec 2017	Jan 2018
Parking	Municipal Bylaw	Municipal parking offences	20	29	42

Victim Services

In January 2018 Richmond RCMP Victim Services attended to 83 new clients and attended 11 crime/trauma scenes. The unit currently maintains an active caseload of 166 ongoing files. Victim Services responded to a number of cases involving family conflict, medical sudden deaths, a serious car accident, and property crime.

Youth Section

The Detachment's Youth section focuses on strategies that contribute to safe and healthy behaviours essential to the development of productive and civic-minded adults. During the Month of January Youth Section members highlights include:

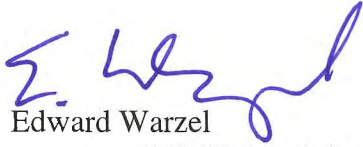
- The candidates for this year's Youth Academy have been selected to attend the week long "Depot" which takes place in March/April 2018 in Chilliwack. The week long experience will expose cadets to realistic police training and will help foster leadership skills, team building and confidence.
- In response to the fatal stabbing that occurred in an Abbotsford high school in 2016, numerous recommendations for improved school safety have been implemented. RCMP members in the Youth Section are directly involved in developing and implementing these new procedures and protocols. This month RCMP members assisted in several lockdown drills at various schools in Richmond.

Financial Impact

None.

Conclusion

The Officer in Charge, Richmond Detachment continues to ensure Richmond remains a safe and desirable community.



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- Att. 1: Community Policing Programs
- 2: Crime Statistics
- 3: Crime Maps

Auxiliary Constables

- The primary mandate of Richmond's Auxiliary Constables is to support community policing activities related to public safety and crime prevention.
- For more information, visit www.richmond.ca/safety/police/prevention/auxiliary.htm

Block Watch

- Community-based crime prevention program aimed at helping neighbors organize themselves to prevent crime.
- Residents can receive email alerts of neighbourhood residential break and enters by registering their email addresses at: blockwatch@richmond.ca
- For more information, visit www.richmond.ca/safety/police/prevention/blockwatch.htm

Difference Maker Project

- The Difference Maker Project is an off-shoot of the School Sports Programs. Elementary school students are mentored by teachers, police officers and community ambassadors. This activity aims to encourage social and civic responsibility amongst elementary and secondary school aged youth through community projects.

Distracted Driving Program

- Trained volunteers monitor intersections and observe distracted drivers.
- A letter is sent to the registered owner of the offending vehicle with information on the safety risks associated to the observed behaviour and applicable fine amounts.
- For more information, visit www.richmond.ca/safety/police/prevention/programs.htm

Fail to Stop

- Trained volunteers monitor areas that have been referred to the program by local businesses or residents where drivers are not making a full stop at the stop sign, or running a red light.
- An information letter is sent to the registered owner of the vehicle advising them the date, time and location and applicable fine amounts if the driver received a violation ticket.

Lock Out Auto Crime

- Co-sponsored by the Insurance Corporation of BC (ICBC), volunteers patrol city streets and parking lots looking for automobile security vulnerabilities.
- Notices supplied by ICBC are issued to every vehicle inspected indicating to the owner what issues need to be addressed in order to keep the vehicle and contents secure.
- For more information, visit
- www.richmond.ca/safety/police/personal/vehicle.htm

Project 529

- This program allows riders to easily and securely register their bikes. This up-to-date database of bikes alerts its registrants if a fellow 529 bike is stolen.
- Project 529 is a unique, multi-national registry that holds a database of all registered and stolen bikes.

Speed Watch

- Co-sponsored by ICBC, promotes safe driving habits by alerting drivers of their speed.
- Trained volunteers are equipped with radar and a speed watch reader board that gives drivers instant feedback regarding their speed.
- Volunteers record the license plate number and the speed, and a letter is sent to the registered owner of the offending vehicle. The letter includes the date, time and location and applicable fine amounts if the driver received a violation ticket.

Stolen Auto Recovery

- Co-sponsored by ICBC, trained volunteers equipped with portable computers identify stolen vehicles.
- These volunteers recover hundreds of stolen vehicles each year throughout the Lower Mainland.

Volunteer Bike and Foot Patrol Program

- Trained volunteers patrol Richmond neighbourhoods reporting suspicious activities and providing a visible deterrent to crime and public order issues.

JANUARY 2018 STATISTICS

RICHMOND RCMP

This chart identifies the monthly totals for founded Criminal Code incidents, excluding traffic-related Criminal Code incidents. Based on Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) scoring, there are three categories: (1) Violent Crime, (2) Property Crime, and (3) Other Criminal Code. Within each category, particular offence types are highlighted in this chart. In addition, monthly totals for Controlled Drugs and Substances Act (CDSA) incidents and MHA-related calls for service are included. Individual UCR codes are indicated below the specific crime type. For 2017, some inclusion criteria have been modified to improve accuracy and accommodate RCMP scoring regulations. For more information, contact Richmond Crime Analysts.

The Average Range data is based on activity in a single month over the past 5 years. If the current monthly total for an offence is above the expected average range (using a standard deviation), it will be noted in **red**, while below expected numbers will be noted in **blue**.

Year-to-Date percentage increases of more than 10% are marked in **red**, while decreases of more than 10% are **blue**.

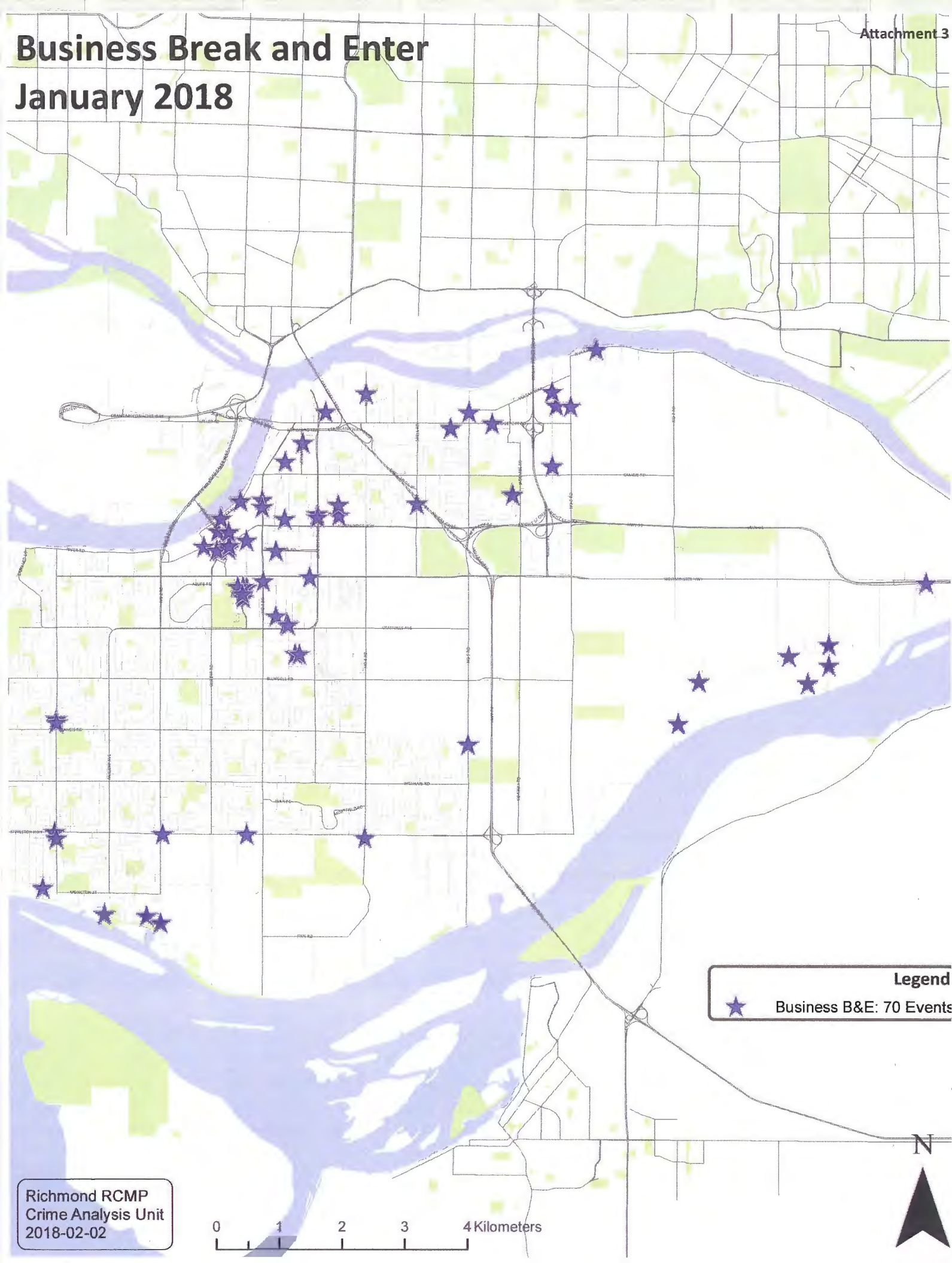
	Month	5-Yr Avg	5-Yr Range	Year to Date Totals			
	Jan-18	January		2017	2018	% Change	# Change
VIOLENT CRIME (UCR 1000-Series Offences)	107	101.6	92-112	107	107	0%	0
Robbery <small>UCR 1610 (1-3)</small>	5	9.4	7-12	4	5	25%	1
Assault Common <small>UCR 1430</small>	42	37.6	32-43	41	42	2%	1
Assault Serious <small>UCR 1410, 1420</small>	9	11.2	9-13	12	9	-25%	-3
Sexual Offences <small>UCR 1345, 1350, 1356, 1310</small>	24	5.8	5-7	5	24	380%	19
PROPERTY CRIME (UCR 2000-Series Offences)	676	706.8	675-739	762	676	-11%	-86
Business B&E <small>UCR 2120-1</small>	70	38.0	31-45	43	70	63%	27
Residential B&E <small>UCR 2120-2</small>	75	87.8	73-103	105	75	-29%	-30
Auto Theft <small>UCR 2135 (1-10), 2176</small>	16	26.6	22-31	32	16	-50%	-16
Theft from Auto <small>UCR 2132, 2142</small>	217	206.8	159-254	243	217	-11%	-26
Theft <small>UCR 2130, 2140</small>	72	117.0	95-139	99	99	0%	0
Shoplifting <small>UCR 2133, 2143</small>	62	59.4	49-70	48	62	29%	14
Fraud <small>UCR 2160 (all), 2165, 2166</small>	62	67.8	54-82	95	62	-35%	-33
OTHER CRIMINAL CODE (UCR 3000-Series Offences)	171	170.8	162-179	166	171	3%	5
Arson <small>UCR 1825, 2110</small>	2	2.4	1-4	5	2	-60%	-3
SUBTOTAL CC OFFENCES (UCR 1000 to 3000 Series)	954	979.2	942-1017	1035	954	-8%	-81
DRUGS (UCR 4000-Series Offences)	44	48.4	40-57	33	44	33%	11
MHA RELATED CALLS (MHA files or Mental Health flag)	111	106.4	96-117	124	111	-10%	-13

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Business Break and Enter January 2018



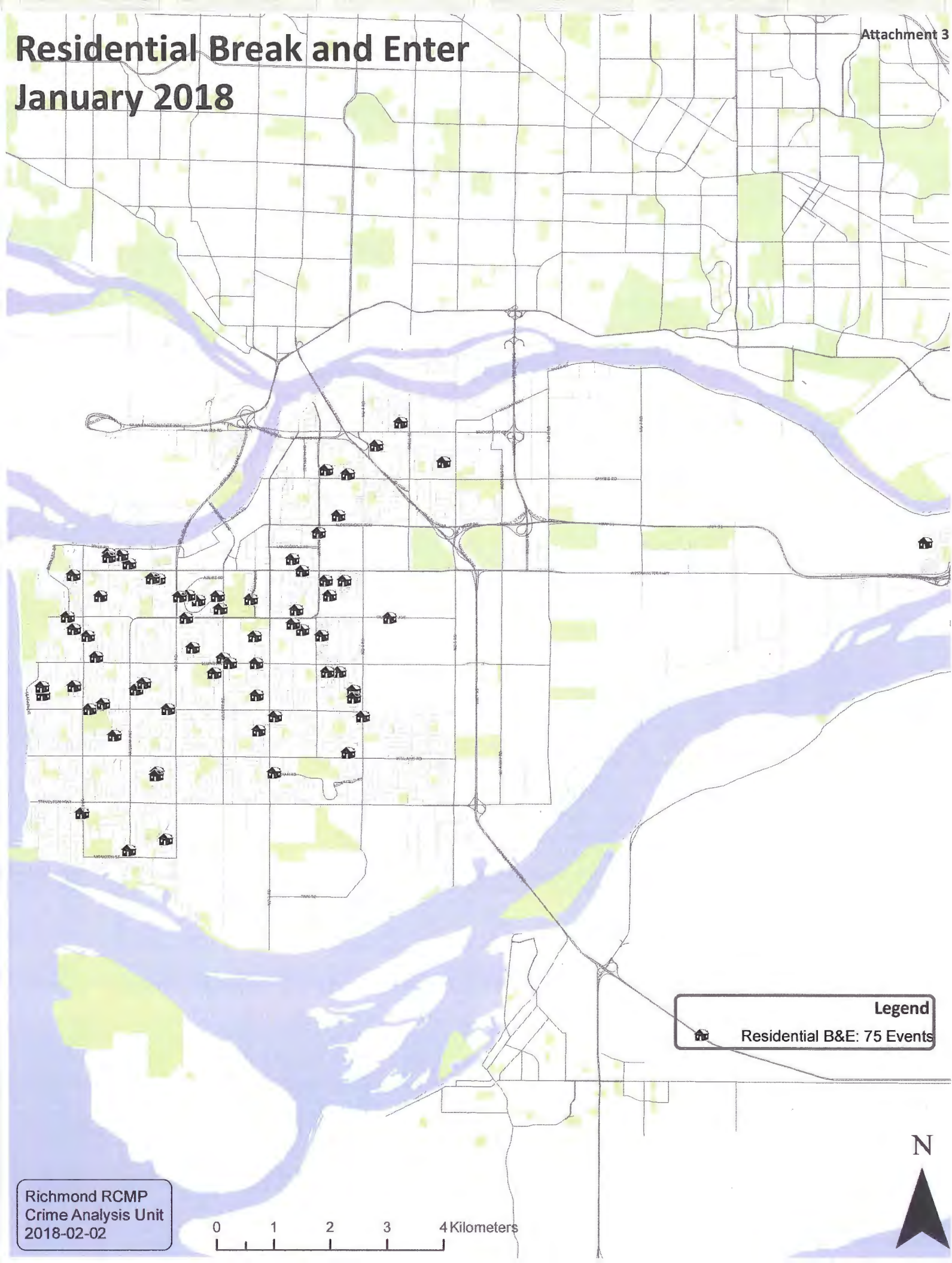
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Residential Break and Enter January 2018



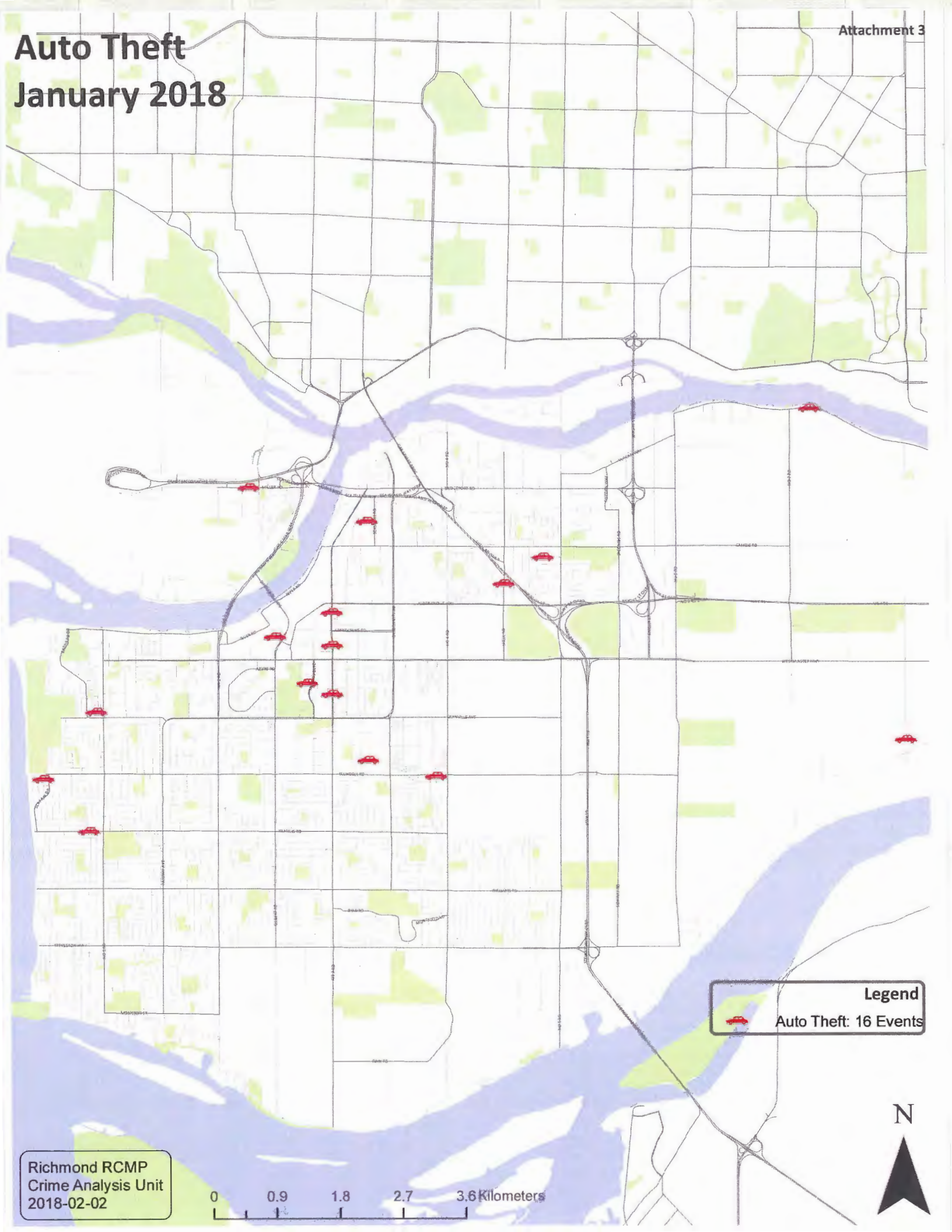
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Auto Theft January 2018



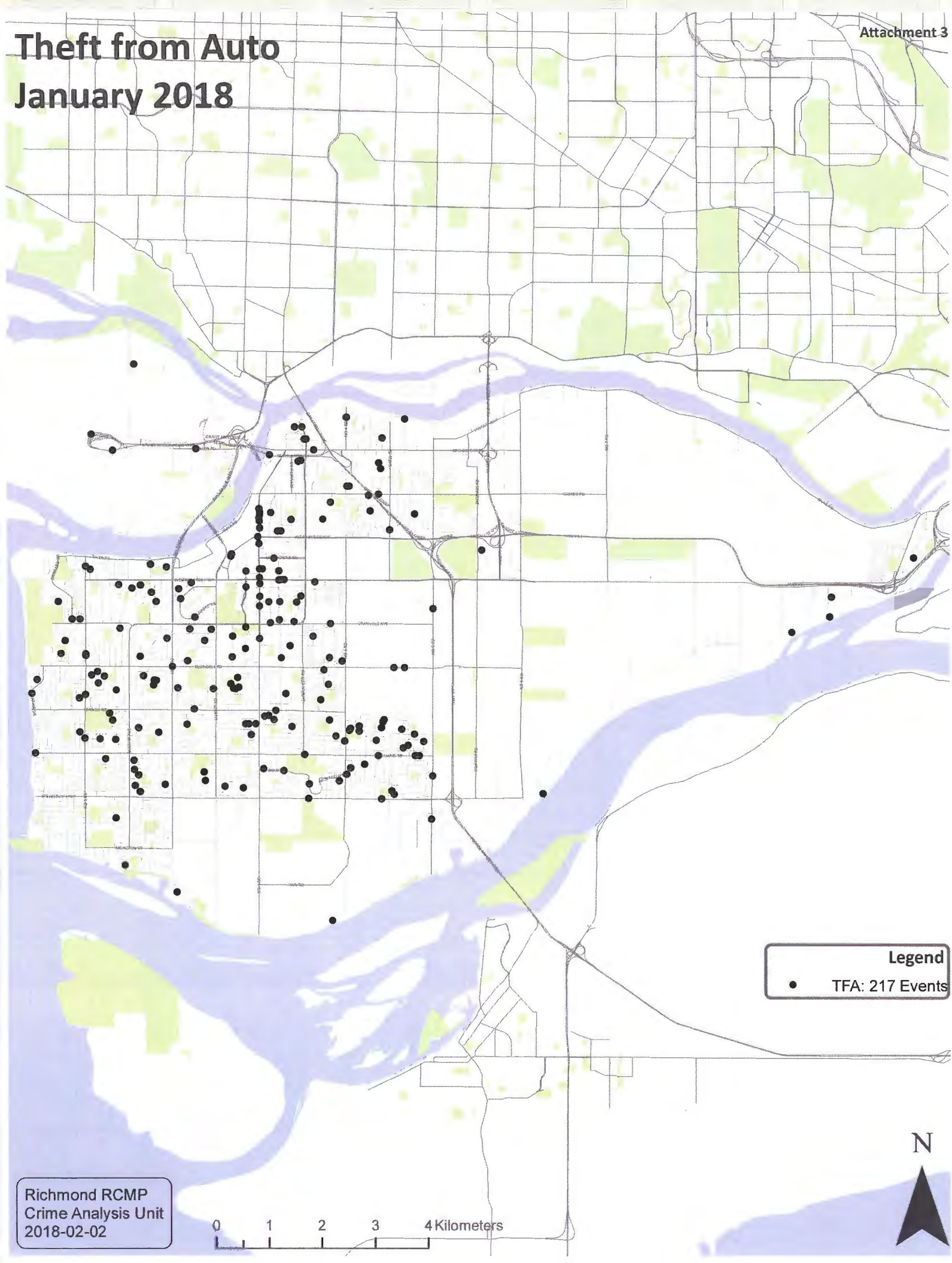
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Theft from Auto January 2018



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